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REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for courtesies extended to Applicants' representative in the telephone interview of December 20, 2005. During the interview, the Examiner requested and Applicants' representative agreed to provide the present amendments.

Claims 9-19 are pending in this application. Claims 9, 11, and 15-18 are amended. No new matter has been added. The noted amendments have been made in response to the Examiner's request to designate SZP as superficial zone protein. This amendment is unrelated to patentability and does not change the scope of the claims. Therefore, the amended claims are entitled to the full range of equivalents.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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